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1. Kazanlik is a very old city and a district center. Its population is estimated at 27,000 people. The population of the city has increased since 1945 because the new regime has induced farm people to come to work in the factories.
2. The main streets are Georgi Dimitrov Street, Tolbuhin Street, and 9 September Street.
3. The People's Administration Court is on Otets Paisiy Street near the city square. The same building also houses the Food Supply Office. The Militia District Center is on Tolbuhin Street. The Security building is nearby.
4. Some prominent Communist Party members are: Koyu Kovachev, mayor; Petir Panov, member of the Party's District Committee; Balkanski, member of the District Committee; Kelchel, member of the District Committee.

One of the editors of the bi-monthly newspaper Iskra is Buko Davidov.

5. Kazanlik has railroad connecting with Plovdiv, Sofia, Sliven, and Stara Zagora. Two passenger trains a day communicate in either direction.
6. The town obtains its electricity from the hydro-electric plant in the Rhina valley, directly north of Kazanlik. The current is sometimes cut for a few hours each day. It is forbidden to use electric stoves and ovens and only the electric iron can be used.
7. In the northern part of the city is a military factory, Zavod No. 10, which repairs guns and manufactures gun powder. It employs about 2,500 civilians. The Zavod No. 13 factory is located near the airfield and makes repairs on planes.

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8. A tank brigade is located in Kazanlik. The brigade is composed of three regiments each equipped with 70 tanks. Informant saw some of the tanks which he describes as 45 ton Js-2 Russian models. In August 1960, two regiments of the brigade were transferred to Bankya near Sofia, and possibly to the Yugoslav border.

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Comment: A sketch and legend of the city plan of Kazanlik and a sketch of the military factory Zavod No. 10 are available upon request at the CIA library.

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